

FISCAL NOTE

SB 271 - HB 1222

April 9, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the *Tennessee Forest Boundary Landowner Protection Act of 2001*. Requires the owner of the property on which logging operations occur or the operator performing such logging operations for such owner, to mark the harvest boundary of the intended harvest area at least 30 days prior to commencing harvest and to notify all adjoining landowners in writing at least 30 days prior to commencement of the harvest. This notification shall give the owner, operator, and neighbors the opportunity to identify boundary line disagreements before logging begins.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Estimate assumes the Department of Agriculture would be responsible for enforcement of the bill and would incur increased expenditures for enforcement activities. The amount of increase would depend on the amount of logging activity occurring that falls under the requirements of the bill. Such amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

For information purposes, there are approximately 5,750 logging operations annually in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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